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For: HIGH-STRENGTH, WEAR RESISTANT SWINGBOLT SUPPORT HOOK AND

HOOK-AND-SWINGBOLT FASTENER ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A HIGH-

STRENGTH, WEAR RESISTANT SUPPORT HOOK

To the Honorable Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Dear Sir or Madam:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTION OF SPECIES

In a communication dated October 6, 2005, the Examiner required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner asserted that there are three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention as follows:

Species I as represented in FIGS. 4A and 4B;

Species II as represented in FIGS. 4C and 4D; and

Species III as represented in FIGS. 5A and 5B